



13th September 2026.

We extend a warm welcome to
the Rev Andrew Goodhead, and
to all our members, friends and
visitors



For meditation: *Draw us by your grace, O Christ, to the heart of all sacrifice, even your holy Cross,
to which we cling and by which we are held, now and for ever.*

Dora Greenwell (1821 -1882)

NEWS AND VIEWS

Today is the last day of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year and the first of the High Holy Days, marking a time for reflection, repentance, and new beginnings. The holiday blends moments of joy with deep introspection, as synagogue services feature the blowing of the shofar to call worshippers to examine their actions and renew their spiritual focus. Its roots trace to biblical references in Leviticus and Numbers describing a sacred day of trumpet blasts, which later Jewish tradition connected to the creation of the world and the start of the civil year.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

For the joy of a fresh sunrise, for the hope each new day brings, for a love that knows no bounds, we praise you bountiful God.

But even as words of praise pass our lips we know that we have not always lived as those who are loved, forgiven and set free We have allowed ourselves to be imprisoned by tradition, captivated by habit, limited by fear Through the healing power of love made flesh make us whole to live and love with open hearts and generous spirits.

We are remembering the congregation at Bathampton in our prayers this week- and giving thanks for their support for the appointment of a family worker for both our churches.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 20th September

Exodus 16: 2 -15

Psalms 105: 1- 6, 37 -45

Philippians 1: 21 -30

Matthew 20: 1 -16

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. You then, why do you judge your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgement seat. It is written:

“As surely as I live, says the Lord,

Every knee will bow before me;

Every tongue will confess to God.”

So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Romans 14: 10 -12

DIARY

Thursday 17th September

Café + meal 9.30 –1.30pm

All welcome. Meal served at 12 noon

Circuit Meeting 7.30pm

At Keynsham Victoria church.

Sunday 20th September

Morning worship 11.00am

Our Harvest Festival service will be led by Steve Beck. Donations of non-perishable goods will be welcome – to go to the Southdown Pantry.

Celebrate all human beauty
caught in colour, form and face,
celebrate the human body
made to move with speed and grace.
celebrate the human spirit
leaping high to reach a goal,
celebrate our Maker's wisdom
crafting body, mind and soul.

Celebrate our own endeavours
to achieve and to arrive
over handicap and hurdle
when against ourselves we strive,
iron will and summoned courage
sweeping obstacles aside,
sweating out our inner conflict
to acquit ourselves with pride.

Sport and faith both speak a language
universal, sensed and known;
where there's shared exhilaration,
new community is grown,
friendship found in common focus,
effort turned to common goal,
honouring our maker's purpose
health in body, mind and soul.

Shirley Erena Murray

*God is a busy worker but he loves help.
Basque proverb*

